

I think it's appalling that you are considering loosening restrictions on station ownership even further than they already have been.

It's really disturbing that one company such as Clear Channel can own 1200+ stations across the United States, and with corporate power and money, be able to run any small, local or independent stations right out of business.

The original intent of the restrictions was to avoid just this kind of monopolistic control over the media in this country. This isn't just music and entertainment we're talking about. Communities rely on radio for information in times of emergencies and crisis. How can a small town stay informed about local alerts when their station is run out of a corporation across the country?

This also allows a single company to control what is heard and more importantly, what is NOT heard.

I urge you to not weaken the controls on Broadcast Ownership any further. If anything, there needs to be some MORE regulation that would allow diversity in radio broadcasting.

Thanks for your time,
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